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In re Application of  
Michael James Bleau  
Application No. 10/761,793  
Filed: January 20, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. MB-1-CIP

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 8, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 20, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 21, 2004.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, the \$510 extension of time submitted on September 9, 2005 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be refunded by treasury check in due course.

The petition satisfies the requirement of 37 CFR 1.137 (b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the petition filed September 8, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application matter is being referred to Technology Center 2800, Art Unit 2873 for further processing.

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